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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

GRANVILLE B. THOMPSON

SELECTMEN

FRED C. YORK FRANK I. CALDWELL

BENJAMIN LANG

TOWN CLERK

FRED P. COMINGS

TREASURER

MARK L. MILLS

TAX COLLECTOR

ROBERT H. THOMPSON

SUPERVISORS

FRANK L. DINSMORE NORMAN I. SNELL

BOARD OF EDUCATION

ALBERT B. DUDLEY

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

JAMES B. WALKER FRED C. YORK

WALTER D. SMITH

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

O. R. McCOY

AUDITORS

A. J. THOMPSON BENTON E. LAYNE

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Lee on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. To choose a Selectman for three years. To choose a Selectman for two years.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise the salaries of the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four hundred dollars ($400) for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.

5. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a town forest and make recommendation at the town meeting in March, 1925.

6. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Highways and make appropriation for same.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay outstanding notes.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

9. To bring in your votes for the election of Delegates-at-large, Alternate Delegates-at-large, District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates, to the National Conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties, to be

held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

Given under our hands and seal, twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

FRED C. YORK,
FRANK I. CALDWELL,
BENJAMIN LANG,
Selectmen of Lee.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FRED C. YORK,
FRANK I. CALDWELL,
BENJAMIN LANG,
Selectmen of Lee.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Inventory of the Town of Lee for the year 1923.

	No.	Valuation
Polls,	~~230~~ 251	
Land and Buildings,		$371,220
Horses,	147	15,210
Oxen,	6	580
Cows,	348	17,815
Other Neat Stock,	100	4,010
Sheep,	137	1,070
Hogs,	2	40
Fowls,	923	1,385
Portable Mills,	9	3,625
Wood & Lumber		40,400
Money on Hand at Interest or on Deposit,		3,300
Stock in Trade,		6,150
Aqueducts,		2,350
		$467,155
Soldiers' Exemptions,		4,000

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending January 31, 1924

Total Valuation,		$467,155.00
Tax on one hundred dollars, $2.80		
Tax on total valuation,	$13,080.34	
Polls, 243 @ $5.00—10 @ $3.00	1,245.00	
National Bank Tax,	3.10	
		$ 14,328.44
Less school tax paid in Newmarket and Durham,		154.92
Amount of Collector's List,		$ 14,173.52

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS

Dames Bridge,	$ 2,000.00	
Highways,	1,166.64	
State Tax,	1,012.00	
County Tax,	870.57	
School Tax,	4,850.00	
General Expenses,	2,000.00	
State Road Maintenance,	750.00	
State Road Construction,	699.00	
Library,	26.40	
$2.00 Poll Tax Assessment due State,	486.00	
Overlay,	312.91	
		$ 14,173.52

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Norman I. Snell, Supervisor '22,	$18.00	
F. L. Dinsmore, " '23,	9.00	
F. P. Comings, Auto Permits,	24.00	
" " " Librarian,	25.00	
" " " Janitor,	30.00	
" " " Health Officer,	10.00	
" " " Town Clerk,	20.00	
F. I. Caldwell, Selectman,	50.00	
M. L. Mills, Treasurer,	20.00	
R. H. Thompson, Collector,	50.00	
Benjamin Lang, Selectman,	50.00	
F. C. York, "	50.00	
		$356.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

F. I. Caldwell, Attending Tax Commissioner 1922	$ 3.00	
Telephone and Postage,	1.50	
E. C. Eastman, Tax Books,	7.56	
Marshall Press, Printing Reports and Tax Bills	89.17	
Bele Kingman, Treasurer's and Collector's Bonds	18.00	
Marshall Press, Tax Notices,	4.65	
Robert H. Thompson, Postage and Stationery,	8.62	
F. P. Comings, Postage and Stationery,	8.00	
F. C. York, Expenses to Concord and Dover,	7.15	
		$147.65

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS

John G. Hobbs, 4 sheep	$24.00	
L. S. Fernald, 5 "	40.00	
		$64.00

VITAL STATISTICS

F. P. Comings, Recording Births and Deaths,		$11.00

TOWN PATROL

W. B. Caswell, May	$38.50	
" " June	22.50	
" " August	9.00	
" " September	10.00	
" " October	9.00	
" " November	15.50	
		$104.50

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

W. B. Caswell, June 2	$146.00	
F. H. Gray,	19.32	
W. B. Caswell, July 7	137.66	
" " August 4	9.35	
" " September 1	99.50	
" " Freight on Tar	15.00	
" " October 6	92.50	
F. H. Gray	23.74	
W. B. Caswell, November 3	93.40	
" " December 1	64.50	
Barrett Manufacturing Co., Tar	300.00	
W. B. Caswell, January 5	19.00	
		$1,019.97

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

G. A. Bennett, 1922	$42.00	
C. E. N. Stackpole	72.62	
C. H. Johnson, May 15	130.75	
C. E. N. Stackpole, June 2	93.74	
W. A. Carpenter, "	108.96	
L. M. Wiggin, Gravel, June 2	1.50	
C. H. Johnson, August 4	51.74	
C. E. N. Stackpole, August 4	93.26	
John Howe, Guide Boards,	9.00	
W. A. Carpenter, August 18,	104.13	
C. H. Johnson, November 3,	76.27	
C. E. N. Stackpole, November 3,	156.72	
C. H. Johnson, December 1,	48.00	
W. A. Carpenter, "	84.48	
C. H. Johnson, January 5,	80.35	
C. E. N. Stackpole, January 5,	34.74	
J. B. Walker, Supplies,	1.88	
G. D. Stimpson, 1922,	7.00	
B. E. Layne, 1922,	18.47	
Vidal Magnan, gravel,	10.00	
		$1,225.61

BREAKING ROADS

C. A. Piper, March 3,	$223.53
W. D. Sawyer, "	174.13
" " April 7,	135.06
J. H. Currier, "	329.19
C. E. N. Stackpole, April 7,	11.27
C. A. Piper, "	94.90
C. H. Johnson, "	56.20
W. A. Carpenter, May 15,	46.05
C. E. N. Stackpole, "	13.45

C. H. Johnson, January 31,	$138.22	
W. A. Carpenter, "	115.00	
C. E. N. Stackpole, January 31,	115.33	
		$1,452.33

BRIDGES

F. I. Caldwell, Mill Hill Bridge,	$15.45	
Seth W. Sherburne, Young's Bridge, 711 ft. 3" plank,	28.44	
Chester Tebbetts, Labor,	3.90	
Earl Cate, "	1.50	
George W. Young, Jr., Labor,	3.15	
Charles Stackpole, "	11.00	
William Caldwell, "	5.00	
Frank Young, "	15.67	
F. I. Caldwell, 225 ft. Lumber,	9.00	
" " Labor,	45.36	
Charles Stackpole, Bridge Rails,	1.00	
Seth W. Sherburne, 186 ft. Bridge Plank,	7.36	
		$146.83

LIBRARIAN

F. P. Comings, Treasurer,	$26.40

TRAMPS

F. P. Comings,	$2.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Ruth K. Munroe, Flags,	$3.60

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

	$1917.11

ABATEMENTS

W. P. Tuttle, over taxed,	$2.80
C. H. Allen, " "	1.40

F. L. Dinsmore, over seventy,	$5.00	
Daniel W. Shannon, over seventy,	5.00	
C. E. N. Stackpole, " "	5.00	
Hazel Dearborn, left town,	5.00	
Jennie Davis,	5.00	
Harry A. Munroe, paid in Barnstead,	3.00	
Florence Munroe, " " "	5.00	
George J. Pineo, paid in Kittery,	5.00	
Ernest Robins, left town,	5.00	
Joseph Greenwood, left town,	5.00	
Isabelle Whitehouse,	5.00	
		$57.20

CHAPMAN CASE

Hughes & Doe,	$810.00	
H. H. Horton,	24.50	
Harry Grover,	33.00	
O. M. James,	8.75	
Sleeper & Brown,	1,500.00	
		$2,376.25

STATE TREASURER

Poll Tax Assessment for 1922,	$488.00	
" " " " 1923,	460.00	
		$948.00

DAMES BRIDGE

Ames Construction Co.,	$3,404.48	
J. H. Currier, Filling,	76.00	
		$3,480.48

SCHOOLS

	$4,850.00

COUNTY TREASURER

$870.57

SUMMARY

Town Officers' Salaries,	$ 356.00
" " Expenses,	147.65
Damage by Dogs,	64.00
Vital Statistics,	11.00
Town Patrol,	104.50
State Aid Maintenance	1,019.97
Highway Maintenance,	1,225.61
Breaking Roads,	1,452.33
Bridges,	146.83
Library,	26.40
Tramps,	2.00
Patriotic Purposes,	3.60
State Aid Construction,	1,917.11
Abatements,	57.20
Chapman Case,	2,376.25
State Treasurer,	948.00
Dames Bridge,	3,480.48
Schools,	4,850.00
County Tax,	870.57
Elections,	3.00
Interest,	30.00
Orders drawn,	$19,092.50

F. C. YORK,
FRANK I. CALDWELL,
BENJ. LANG,
Selectmen of Lee.

B. E. LAYNE,
Auditor.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LEE

Estimates of revenue and expenditures for the ensuing year, January 31, 1924, to January 31, 1925, compared with actual revenue and expenditures of the previous year, January 31, 1923, to January 31, 1924.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Actual Revenue 1923	Estimated Revenue, 1924
Railroad Tax,	$659.02	$659.02
Savings Bank Tax,	511.33	511.33
Highways, State Aid Maintenance,	899.79	800.00
All licenses and permits except dog licenses,	480.16	500.00
Rent of Town Hall and other buildings,	22.00	25.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits,	4.13	
From Poll Taxes,	723.00	750.00
" National Bank stock,	3.10	3.10
" State for State Aid Highway construction,	742.84	350.00
Amount raised by issue of bonds or notes,	3,500.00	
Amount raised by property taxes,	13,080.34	12,050.87

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expend. 1923	Estimated Expend. 1924
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries,	$356.00	$400.00
" " Expenses,	147.65	200.00
Election and registration expenses,	3.00	25.00

Health Department,		$ 10.00
Vital Statistics,	11.00	10.00
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid Maintenance:		
State's Contribution,	899.79	800.00
Town's "	899.79	800.00
Bridges,	146.83	
Dame's Bridge,	3,480.48	
Town maintenance,	1,225.61	2,000.00
Breaking roads,	1,452.33	
Town patrol,	104.50	
Library,	26.40	26.40
Town poor,	2.00	50.00
Patriotic Purposes,	3.60	5.00
Interest on temporary loans,	60.00	200.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid Construction,		
State's Contribution,	742.84	350.00
Town's "	1,348.58	708.00
Abatements,	57.20	
Chapman Case,	2,376.25	
Payments to other Governmental Divisions:		
State taxes,	1,012.00	1,012.00
County taxes,	870.57	870.57
Payments to school districts,	4,850.00	5,000.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received for 40 male dogs @ $2.00,	$ 80.00	
" " 6 female dogs @ $5.00,	30.00	
		$110.00
Fee for licensing 46 dogs @ $.20,	$ 9.20	
Paid Treasurer,	100.80	
		$110.00
Received for 96 auto permits,		480.16
Paid Treasurer,		480.16

FRED P. COMINGS,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

1923 Tax List, in full,	$14,163.52	
Interest on 1923 taxes,	4.13	
		$14,167.65

EXPENDITURES

Paid Treasurer,	$14,109.91	
" "	4.13	
Balance uncollected,	53.61	
		$14,167.65

R. H. THOMPSON,
Collector.

B. E. LAYNE,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Year Ending January 31, 1924.

RECEIPTS

Amount in Treasury Feb. 1, 1923,		$ 882.05	
Received of F. P. Comings,			
Dog Licenses,	$100.80		
Auto Permits,	480.16		
Rent of Town Hall,	22.00		
		602.96	
Received of State Aid Construction,		568.63	
" " " " Maintenance,		120.18	
" from State Treasurer,		158.35	
Railroad Abatement, freight,		2.40	
Plank,		3.60	
Received of Newmarket National Bank,			
Notes,		3,469.80	
Received of J. W. Harvey, Taxes, 1922,		41.37	
" " Robt. H. Thompson,			
Taxes,		14,109.91	
			$19,959.25

EXPENDITURES

Paid orders drawn by Selectmen,	$19,094.57	
Cash on hand,	864.68	
		$19,959.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Due from Robert H. Thompson,	$ 53.61	
Cash on hand February 1, 1924,	864.68	
Due from G. A. Dudley, Treasurer 1921,	37.10	
		$ 955.39

LIABILITIES

Due on State Road Maintenance,	$ 222.81	
" " " " Construction,	399.04	
" Newmarket National Bank,	3,500.00	
		$4,121.85
Town Debt,		$3,166.46

STATEMENT

State Tax,		$1,012.00
Railroad Tax,	$ 659.02	
Savings Bank Tax,	511.33	
Balance received from State,		158.35
	$1,170.35	$1,170.35

MARK L. MILLS,
Treasurer.

B. E. LAYNE,
Auditor.

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

MONEY AVAILABLE	STATE	TOWN	TOTAL
Balance from 1922,	$562.86	$1,048.62	$1,611.48
Appropriation 1923,	419.40	699.00	1,118.40
Total Fund,	982.26	1,747.62	2,729.88
Expended,	742.84	1,348.58	2,091.42
Balance for 1924,	239.42	399.04	638.46

Benj. Lang in account with the Town of Lee,

Received of Town,		$2,091.42
Paid Joshua Cook,	$48.00	
Frank Ryan,	140.25	
Daniel Shannon,	101.41	
Romanzo Davis,	40.50	
Donald Thompson,	39.67	
Ernest Wilson,	55.00	
Jacob Demeritt,	71.91	
W. W. Plumer & team,	320.25	
John Griffin	2.75	
Walter Smith,	120.08	
Charles Revere,	4.00	
Edgarton Bloom,	38.11	
Lawrence Bloom,	3.00	
Joe King,	102.00	
Forest Gerrish,	101.75	
C. L. Jenness,	15.50	
J. H. Seavey,	45.25	
J. B. Walker,	24.15	
John Cook,	49.12	
Robert Cook,	32.63	

Wm. A. Carpenter,	$102.86	
D. H. Hill,	23.33	
Frank E. Lang,	3.10	
Wm. A. Plumer,	6.24	
J. True Bartlett,	12.50	
Benj. Lang,	413.75	
State Eng. and Expenses,	174.31	
		$2,091.42

DAMES BRIDGE

20% Retained,	$1,101.12	
Paid by Town,	4,404.48	
Paid by State,	1,000.00	
		$5,505.60

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

MONEY AVAILABLE	STATE	TOWN	TOTAL
Balance from 1922,	$372.59	$372.60	$745.19
Appropriation, 1923,	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
Total Fund,	1,122.59	1,122.60	2,245.19
Expended,	899.79	899.79	1,799.58
Balance for 1924,	222.80	222.81	445.61

		PAID BY TOWN	PAID BY STATE
April 21,	Wm. B. Caswell,	$7.00	
28,	" "	13.50	
May 2,	O. M. James, Eng.,		6.00
5,	Caswell,	18.00	
12,	"	16.00	
19,	"	13.50	
26,	"	78.00	
"	F. H. Gray, Truck No. 133,	19.32	10.68
29,	O. M. James, Eng.,		12.14
"	" " Auto,		2.67
"	H. W. Quimby, Asst. Eng.		2.50
"	Jones, lineman,		1.25
June 2,	Caswell,	56.96	
9,	"	13.50	
12,	O. M. James, Auto,		4.00
16,	Caswell,	27.00	
23,	"	18.00	
30,	"	22.20	
	Tarvia, Car B. M. X. No. 701,		685.23
July 28,	Caswell,	14.00	

Aug.	4,	Caswell,	$23.00	
	18,	"	27.00	
	"	Brooms,		2.00
	25,	Caswell,	13.00	
	1,	Tarite, 250 gals,		36.88
	11,	Caswell,	31.85	
Sept.	1,	"	25.00	
	1,	Gray, Truck No. 150,	14.30	2.70
	8,	" " "	9.44	3.56
	8,	Caswell,	37.50	
	12,	O. M. James, Eng.,		10.00
Sept.	15,	Caswell,	27.00	
	22,	"	18.00	
	29,	"	20.00	
Oct.	6,	"	19.40	
	13,	"	22.50	
	20,	"	20.00	
	27,	"	11.50	
Nov.	3,	"	19.00	
	10,	"	15.50	
	17,	"	20.50	
	24,	Town of Lee, Tarvia, part payment,	300.00	
Dec.	1,	Caswell,	19.00	
Nov.	24,	"	9.50	
			$1,019.97	$779.61
State to Town, Jan. 1924,				$120.18

HIGHWAY AGENTS' ACCOUNTS

Charles A. Piper in account with Town of Lee for breaking roads.

Received,		$318.43
Paid, Egerton Bloom,	$33.75	
W. A. Carpenter,	31.50	
W. B. Caswell,	19.74	
Dan. Shannon,	25.06	
Romanzo Davis,	7.50	
John G. S. Dodge,	1.25	
Frank Ryan,	2.50	
W. W. Plumer,	27.50	
C. A. Piper,	49.24	
Harry Rowe,	5.00	
Benj. Lang,	93.50	
Bert Pease,	15.55	
Joshua Cook,	7.50	
C. A. Woodman,	.84	
		$318.43

W. D. Sawyer in account with the Town of Lee, breaking roads.

Received,		$309.19
Paid S. W. Sherburne,	$83.86	
C. E. N. Stackpole,	16.50	
Frank Wiggin,	4.46	
Robert Wiggin,	2.50	
Carrol Wiggin,	10.50	

Frank Clay,	$11.30	
Horace Clay,	13.12	
Chas. Langmaid,	1.96	
Victor Couture,	13.16	
John Bishop,	12.88	
W. D. Sawyer,	34.25	
F. I. Caldwell,	18.88	
David Bartlett,	7.84	
Frank Randall,	5.24	
Loyde Fogg,	.84	
Wm. Young,	5.86	
B. E. Layne,	11.25	
Dexter Layne,	14.75	
Bert Freeman,	2.80	
Mark Freeman,	9.52	
Vol. Freeman,	4.70	
Chas. Freeman,	11.74	
Perley Freeman,	9.28	
Walter Jones,	2.00	
		$309.19

John H. Currier in account with the Town of Lee for breaking roads.

Received,		$329.19
Paid, John H. Currier,	$68.08	
Walter Smith,	40.00	
Norman Demeritt,	32.57	
George Bennett,	27.58	
Everett Dalton,	27.58	
Grover Smith,	20.00	
John A. Currier,	12.81	
Raymond Monroe,	12.50	
Frank Oldham,	11.48	

Paid	Walter Wellington,	$11.25	
	William W. Currier,	10.09	
	John W. Cook,	7.50	
	Robert Cook,	7.50	
	Sidney Davis,	6.70	
	Daniel Shannon,	3.78	
	Robert Thompson,	3.75	
	George Corson,	3.36	
	R. F. Mahoney,	2.80	
	Herman Keniston,	2.50	
	Charles Cheney,	2.50	
	Donald Davis,	2.10	
	Fred C. York, 38 ft. plank,	2.00	
	George Dudley,	1.96	
	George Gray,	1.25	
	Charles Mariotti,	1.25	
	Ellsworth Garrity,	.84	
	Morton Lassell,	.56	
	Joseph Gadza,	.28	
	Charles Woodman,	1.12	
			$329.19

Chas. E. N. Stackpole in account with Town of Lee for breaking roads.

March, 1923

Paid	C. E. N. Stackpole,	$4.00	
	Seth W. Sherburne,	2.28	
	Sidney McKey,	1.66	
	Frank Clay,	1.00	
	Victor Couture,	1.33	
	F. I. Caldwell,	1.00	
			$11.27

April

Paid	A. E. Langmaid,	$1.33	
	C. E. N. Stackpole,	3.00	
	S. W. Sherburne,	4.16	
	George A. Stackpole,	.67	
	Frank Caldwell,	4.29	
			$13.45

Chas. E. N. Stackpole in account with Town of Lee for labor on road.

April

Paid	Chas. E. N. Stackpole,	$18.00	
	F. I. Caldwell,	24.50	
	S. W. Sherburne,	14.00	
	Frank Dinsmore,	6.00	
	E. M. Garrity,	10.12	
			$72.62

May

Chas. E. N. Stackpole,	$16.99	
F. I. Caldwell,	22.95	
S. W. Sherburne,	12.17	
Walter Jones,	3.00	
Frank Dinsmore,	9.33	
Dexter Layne,	14.78	
W. S. Caldwell,	7.52	
E. M. Garrity,	7.00	
		$93.74

June

Chas. E. N. Stackpole,	$36.31
E. M. Garrity,	31.00
F. I. Caldwell,	4.57

Paid	George Stimpson,	$3.00	
	C. E. N. Stackpole,	18.38	
			$93.26

November

Frank Dinsmore,	$ 5.00	
Chas. E. N. Stackpole,	18.00	
F. I. Caldwell,	69.38	
Chester Tebbetts,	1.32	
Earl Cate,	1.00	
Earl Cate, gravel,	6.00	
Chas. E. N. Stackpole,	20.49	
Walter Jones,	.83	
George Stimpson,	10.50	
Chas. E. N. Stackpole,	21.00	
F. I. Caldwell,	3.10	
		$156.72

January

Chas. E. N. Stackpole,	$6.09	
Geo. Stimpson,	6.00	
S. W. Sherburne,	9.29	
F. I. Caldwell,	13.36	
		$34.74

January 30, Breaking roads and shoveling snow.

Paid	S. W. Sherburne,	$12.12
	Norman I. Snell,	8.56
	Dexter Layne,	17.90
	Warren Sawyer,	14.00
	C. A. Langmaid,	18.29
	Clyde McKay,	1.82
	Horace Clay,	5.31

Paid Frank Clay,	$4.65	
Carrol Wiggins,	6.82	
Frank Wiggins,	2.84	
Sidney McKay,	3.69	
Victor Couture,	3.00	
F. I. Caldwell,	16.33	
		$115.33

CHAS. E. N. STACKPOLE,
Road Agent, North Side.

W. A. Carpenter in account with Town of Lee for breaking roads.

May 1

Paid W. B. Caswell,	$ 2.33	
D. Shannon,	2.33	
W. A. Carpenter and men,	41.39	
		$46.05

January 31

W. A. Carpenter,	$35.00	
E. N. Bloom,	24.50	
D. H. Hill,	21.00	
W. W. Plumer,	10.50	
C. A. Piper,	10.50	
Benj. Lang,	10.50	
Frank Ryan,	1.50	
Ernest Wilson,	1.50	
		$115.00

W. A. Carpenter in account with Town of Lee for labor on highways.

May 12

Paid W. A. Carpenter,	$58.46	

Paid Walter Plumer,	$38.50	
D. H. Hill,	12.00	
		$108.96

August 25

D. H. Hill,	$ 3.50	
Daniel Shannon,	6.00	
W. A. Carpenter,	94.63	
		$104.13

December 1

W. A. Carpenter,	$80.28	
Mrs. Joseph Cate,	1.20	
Benj. Lang,	3.00	
		$84.48

Chas. H. Johnson in account with the Town of Lee as Road Agent, for breaking roads.

Paid Geo. Corson, 19 hours,	$ 6.33	
Albert Corson, 18 hours,	6.00	
W. D. Smith, 26¼ "	8.70	
Everett Dalton, 21 "	7.00	
Chas. H. Johnson,	13.90	
Wilbur Burleigh, 24 hours,	8.00	
Albert Dudley.	6.27	
		$56.20

Chas. H. Johnson in account with Town of Lee for labor on highway.

May 4, 1923

Paid Walter Smith,	$18.66	
Geo. James,	13.89	
Chas. H. Johnson,	41.15	

Paid Homer C. Johnson,	$11.33	
George Bennett,	7.76	
Sidney Davis,	.67	
Daniel Burleigh,	10.00	
William Burleigh,	20.96	
Darius Mariotti,	6.33	
		$130.75
August 2, 1923		
Paid Chas. H Johnson,	$31.98	
W. S. Burleigh,	8.76	
John Marsh,	9.00	
Homer C. Johnson,	2.00	
		$51.74
November 3		
Paid W. D. Smith,	$36.00	
Chas. H. Johnson,	40.27	
		$76.27
December 1		
Paid Charles H. Johnson,	$28.50	
Walter D. Smith,	16.50	
Raymond Munroe,	3.00	
		$48.00
January 5		
Paid Charles H. Johnson,	$40.85	
Walter Smith,	17.50	
Raymond Munroe,	13.25	
Samuel Godfrey,	7.00	
Cook,	1.75	
		$80.35

BREAKING ROADS

February 2

Paid Charles H. Johnson,	$33.00	
Walter Smith,	7.00	
Henry Cornell,	9.00	
George James,	4.00	
Forrest James,	2.00	
Raymond Munroe,	15.00	
Fred C. York,	14.00	
Mark L. Mills,	14.00	
John C. Bartlett,	14.00	
Morton Lasall,	2.75	
Watler Wellington,	1.65	
Woodbury S. Burleigh,	2.00	
Woodbury L. Burleigh,	5.00	
Albert Corson,	4.60	
Granville Thompson,	2.85	
Robert Thompson,	2.85	
Donald Thompson,	2.85	
Arthur J. Thompson,	1.67	
		$138.22

C. H. JOHNSON,
Road Agent (Centre)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Lee, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the eighteenth day of March, 1924, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the coming year.

3. To choose two members of the School Board, one for one year, the other for three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the coming year.

5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.

8. To see if the District will vote to raise the sum of three hundred and thirty dollars to purchase new desks for South Lee school house.

9. To see if the District will vote to raise the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to purchase and lay hard-wood floor in South Lee School House.

10. To see if the District will vote to raise the sum of five hundred dollars for the alteration of South Lee school house.

11. To see if the District will vote to raise the sum of sixty dollars to purchase three galvanized iron ventilating jackets.

Given under my hand at said Lee.

ALBERT B. DUDLEY,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ALBERT B. DUDLEY,
School Board.

REPORT OF THE LEE SCHOOL BOARD

July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1923.

Salaries of District Officers,	$ 66.25	
Superintendent's excess salary,	325.00	
School Census,	5.00	
Expenses of Administration,	24.34	
Teachers' Salaries,	2,525.00	
Text Books,	95.43	
Scholars' Supplies,	86.47	
Flags and Appurtenances,	7.40	
Janitor Service,	81.00	
Fuel,	163.00	
Janitors' Supplies,	15.70	
Minor Repairs,	73.10	
Medical Inspection,	17.00	
High School Tuition,	1,210.50	
Elementary School Tuition.	67.00	
		$4,762.19
Total Revenue,		$4,947.68
Money paid out,		4,762.19
Cash on hand July 1, 1923,		$185.49

Copy—

W. H. THOMPSON,
HELEN B. MacRAE,
FRED P. COMINGS,
Lee School Board.

Copy—Auditors' Report.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Board of Lee, N. H., and find them correct.

JAMES B. WALKER,
G. B. THOMPSON,
Auditors of the Lee School District.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board:

The boys and girls of New Hampshire are having a better chance for good schooling than ever before. The improvements the people have made in the school buildings, the effects of supervision, the hiring of qualified and permanent teachers, and the maintenance of thirty-six weeks of school are steadily bringing up the quality of education in the rural districts to be nearly equal to that of the more favored places in the state.

THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOL LAW.

After four and one-half years of operation, it is apparent to the people of the state that the school law is doing what was promised, that is, equalizing the educational opportunities throughout the state and giving to pupils in rural communities an education nearly as good as that to be had in cities and villages. By lengthening the school year in many towns, the law has resulted in better schooling for the pupils. The number of New Hampshire schools having a short school year, twenty to thirty-four weeks, has been reduced from 924 in 1919 to only twelve in 1923.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHING.

There has been a like gain in improving the quality of teaching. The demand for good teachers has increased the enrollment in New Hampshire normal schools from 240 in 1918 to 607 in 1924 and in summer normal classes from 188 in 1919 to 513 in 1923. The per cent of fully trained

teachers has increased from 31% to 41% and of partly trained teachers from 31% to 46% of the total number of teachers in the state. At the same time the number of untrained teachers has been reduced from 34% to only 11% of the entire number.

Under the old system it was the usual thing in the rural districts to hire a different teacher every term. Many teachers were dissatisfied or were unqualified and unsatisfactory and had to move from district to district. Think of the loss to your children of changing teachers every term! It takes most of the term for a new teacher to learn the needs of her pupils and to discover their ability and progress in the several studies. I believe the people of Lee will support the School Board in hiring and retaining good teachers. Five years ago 540 New Hampshire teachers broke up their schools by changing their positions during the school year. Only 187 did so in 1923. In the face of these facts can anyone doubt that New Hampshire children are getting better schooling?

OTHER GAINS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS.

These are not the only improvements resulting from the school law of 1919. Sixty-six of the poorer towns unable to provide supervision of their schools, now have supervision equal to that of the towns and cities. Every public school in the state receives on the average during the year twenty visits from the superintendent in addition to the average number of two visits a year made, as formerly, by school board members. Every superintendent is a college graduate who has a satisfactory personal and professional record, who has passed searching professional examinations, who has taught school successfully five or more years and gives all his time to school supervision.

The number of pupils in New Hampshire high schools

has increased from 12,000 to over 17,000, a gain of forty per cent in five years. The number in evening schools has increased from 1514 to 3855. Care of the health of the children in schools has spread from thirty per cent of the schools to all of the schools in the state.

There has been throughout the state, a marked improvement in school buildings. The number of first-class school buildings has increased from 100 to 265; of good buildings from 200 to 425; of fair buildings from 300 to 325; while the number of unsuitable buildings has been reduced from 500 to 85.

THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALIZATION.

These and many other improvements in the schools, especially in rural schools, are the result of the principle of equalization of school opportunities throughout the state. The people of the state have been convinced that the principle is right. There is no way to stop or prevent the increase of population and the accumulation of the wealth of the state in towns and cities. But there is a way for the more prosperous communities to give to the children of rural communities equal opportunities in education. Rural children can have equal opportunities when they have standard buildings, standard equipment, care of the health of children, qualified teachers and adequate supervision.

INCREASE IN SCHOOL COSTS NO MORE THAN OTHER INCREASES.

There has been a misunderstanding on the part of some people with regard to the cost of these improvements since they have been brought about during the years when there has been a great rise in prices of labor, food and other commodities. School costs would have increased anyway. They would have increased almost as much with-

out supervision and without the improvements that have been accomplished. Equalization and supervision have given the rural children good schools in standard buildings under qualified teachers for about the same money that would have been paid for unsatisfactory schools and unqualified teachers.

PRESENT NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS.

The people of Lee have come to the front in hiring good teachers and improving the buildings at Lee Hill and North Lee. I do not believe they intend to neglect the children of the South Lee district but are ready to go ahead with the improvements necessary to bring the South Lee schoolhouse up to the standard of other schools in the town and in the state. These improvements were crowded out last year on account of other heavy expenses, but they are so necessary, if we are to have good teaching at South Lee that I believe now they ought to have the right of way. I call your attention to the following needs, some of which ought to be met during the coming year:

1. The purchase of thirty modern adjustable school desks for South Lee school, — cost $330. Cheaper desks can be bought, but the school population changes so much from year to year, that it is worth the extra cost to have desks suited to the size of the children. Half the pupils at South Lee are now in seats too large or too small for them, causing discomfort to them and the possibility of spinal injury or deformity. All are suffering in their studies and mental habits on account of the lack of proper seating.

2. The laying of a new hardwood floor in the South Lee schoolhouse,— cost $125. This and the above necessarily go together for you wouldn't put down new desks on the old and worn out floor of that building. Neither would

you lay the new floor and put back the rickety and unsatisfactory double desks of two generations ago.

3. The alteration of the South Lee schoolhouse so that the windows are mostly on one side, the modernizing of the toilets with entrances from the school-room, and the minor improvement of the entrances and wardrobes,—cost about $500.

4. The purchase for all three schools at about twenty dollars each of inexpensive, well-made galvanized iron ventilating jackets to be used with a common box stove, cost $60. In rural schools where these are used, they work wonders in providing an even temperature throughout the room, in warming up the room quickly in the morning, in making the coldest side of the room comfortable, in doing away with the cold drafts on the floor so common in rural schools.

I wish to express my appreciation of the universal good feeling of the people of Lee toward the schools and toward the superintendent and thank the School Board for your constant interest in the schools and for your helpful co-operation in the many problems that have come up during the school year. I trust that other members will be found willing to devote their time and to study the school problems so as to lighten the burden and make school progress more effective during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. McCOY,

Superintendent of Schools.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR

Beginning July 1, 1924

Salaries of District Officers,	$ 70.00
Superintendent's Salary,	172.00
School Census,	5.00
Expenses of Administration,	25.00
Teachers' Salaries,	2,725.00
Text Books,	105.00
Scholars' Supplies,	150.00
Flags and Appurtenances,	10.00
Janitor Service,	81.00
Fuel,	200.00
Janitors' Supplies,	25.00
Minor Repairs and Expenses,	150.00
Medical Inspection,	50.00
High School Tuition,	1,000.00
Elementary School Tuition,	27.00
Proposed Repairs,	750.00
New Equipment,	330.00
State Tax ($2.00 per pupil)	196.00
	$6,071.00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Amount in Treasury July 1, 1922,	$ 18.68
Received from Town Treasurer,	4,929.00

EXPENDITURES

Paid order of School Board,	$4,762.19
Balance on hand,	185.49
	$4,947.68

MARK L. MILLS,
Treasurer of School District.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

OPEN SATURDAYS FROM TWO TO FOUR P. M.

Books added this year.

The Middle of the Road,	Philip Gibbs
The White Flag,	Gene Stratton Porter
The Desert Healer,	E. M. Hull
Doctor Nye,	Joseph C. Lincoln
Ponjola,	Cynthia Stockley
Tetherstones,	Ethel M. Dell
The Alaskan,	J. Oliver Curwood
Feet of Clay,	Margaretta Tuttle
Never the Twain Shall Meet,	Peter B. Kyne
The Secret of the Reef	Harold Bindlos
Still Jim,	Honore Willsee
Sweet Stranger,	Berta Ruck
His Official Finance,	Berta Ruck
Eris,	Robert W. Chambers
Silk,	Samuel Merwin
The Real Japanese Question,	K. K. Kawakami
Building the American Nation,	Nicholas Murray Buttler
Norwegian Towns and People,	Robert Medill
The Northwood Course of Empire,	V. Stefenson
Between the Lines in Asia Minor,	Mary C. Holmes
An Introduction to World Politics,	H. A. Gibbons
Holland Under Queen Wilhemina,	A. J. Barnomo

ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

On hand January 31, 1923,	$ 8.76	
Received from Town,	26.40	
		$35.16
Paid for books,	$28.70	
On hand January 31, 1924,	6.46	
		$35.16

F. P. COMINGS,
Treasurer.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Lee, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1923.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan. 29.	Robert Dexter;	Darius Mariotti, Edna Proctor.
Mar. 6.	Susie Elizabeth;	Charles G. Hobbs, Winnefred R. Taylor.
June 20.	Elerna Amelia;	Napoleon Perry, Amelia Greenwood.
July 6.	Dorothy;	Forest C. James, Edna Stevens.
Aug. 1.	——;	Austin W. Caswell, L. Belle Davis.
Oct. 20.	Nigal Dudley;	Nigal D. Chapman, Marion F. Cood.
Nov. 25.	George C.;	Lewis S. Jordon, Evangeline M. Robinson.

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Lee, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1923.

Date.	Where Married. Names of Parties and Name of Person Performing Ceremony.
April 28.	Nashua, N. H., Donald S. Learnard and Thora Irene Wood; Rev. Henry H. French, Nashua, N. H.
June 20.	Newfields, N. H., Daniel L. Burleigh and Eunice Randall Judkins; Rev. William Ramsdell, Newfields, N. H.
June 23.	Dover, N. H , Frank Kimball and Marion P. Page; Rev. David A. Pearson, Dover, N. H.
Oct. 25.	Claremont, N. H., Mark L. Mills and Helen L. Davis; Rev. Allen Concord Ferrin, Claremont, N. H.

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Lee, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1923.

Date.	Name and Age.	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan. 1.	Dana Dudley, 6 days;	Albert B. Dudley, Hazel F. James.
Jan. 2.	Ruth E. Robbins, 4 months;	Ernest M. Robbins, Edna Whitn[illegible]
Feb. 25.	Melvina P. Ryan, 60 years;	William Peletier.
Feb. 26.	Lucy M. Thompson, 94 years;	John Moore, Sarah S. Moore.
May 26.	John Frederick Bessom, 73 years;	John C. Bessom, Caroline M. Caswell.
July 18.	Gorham H. Sawyer, 57 years;	Isaac N. Sawyer, Betty J. L. Hoitt.
Aug. 15.	Mary E. Fernald, 78 years;	[illegible]aniel S. Randall, Abigail Williams.
Dec. 19.	Dorothy James, 5 months;	Forest C. James, Edna L. Stevens.

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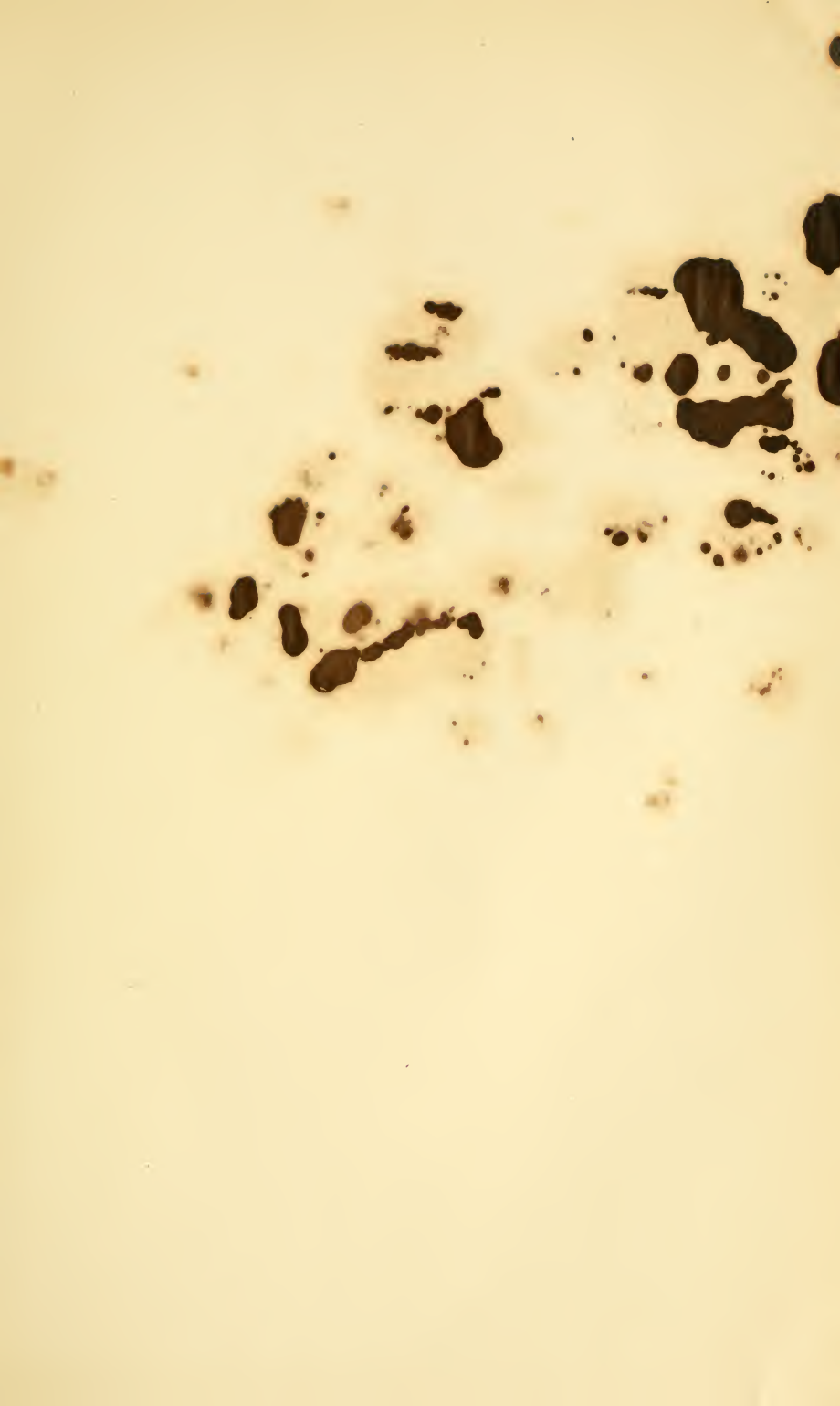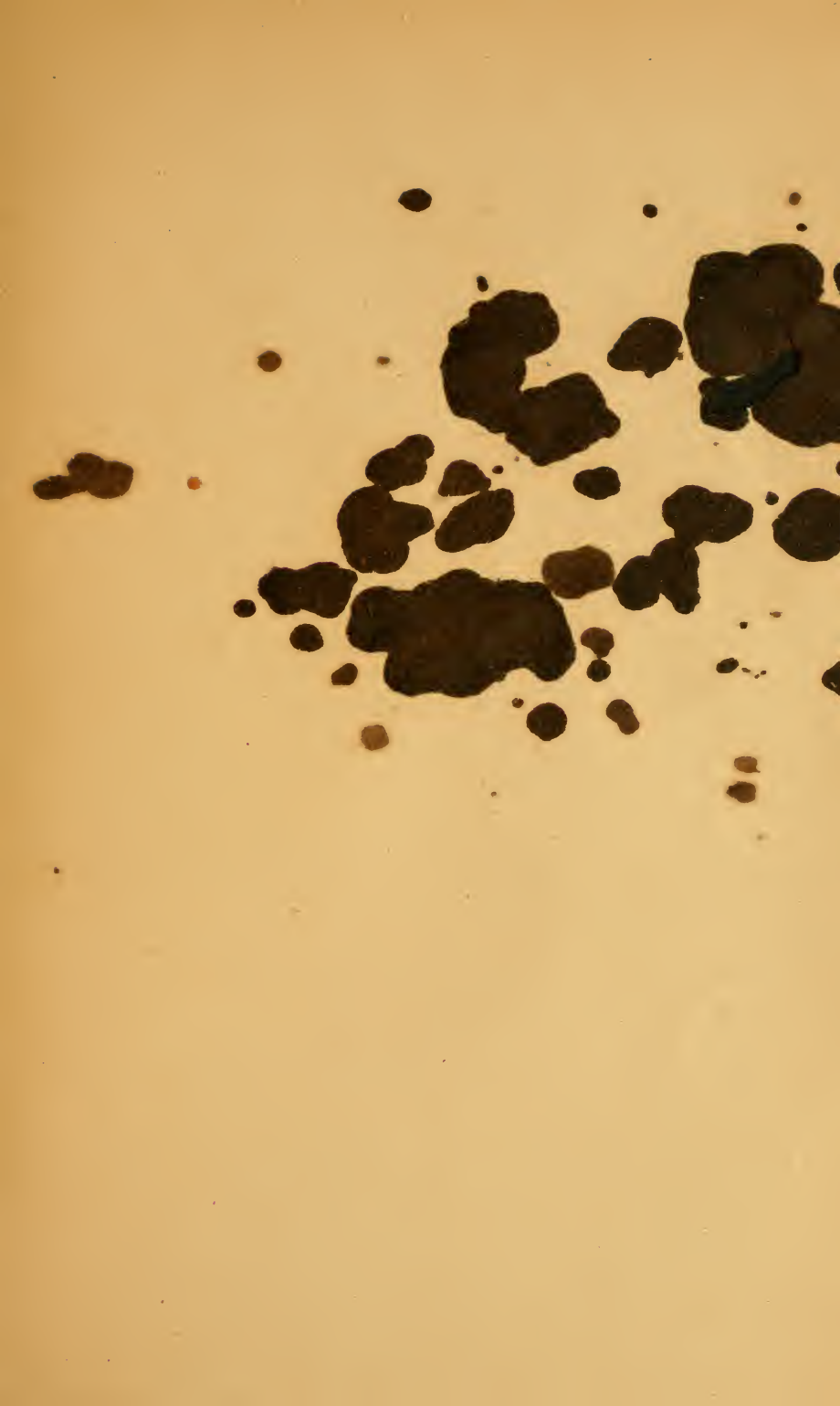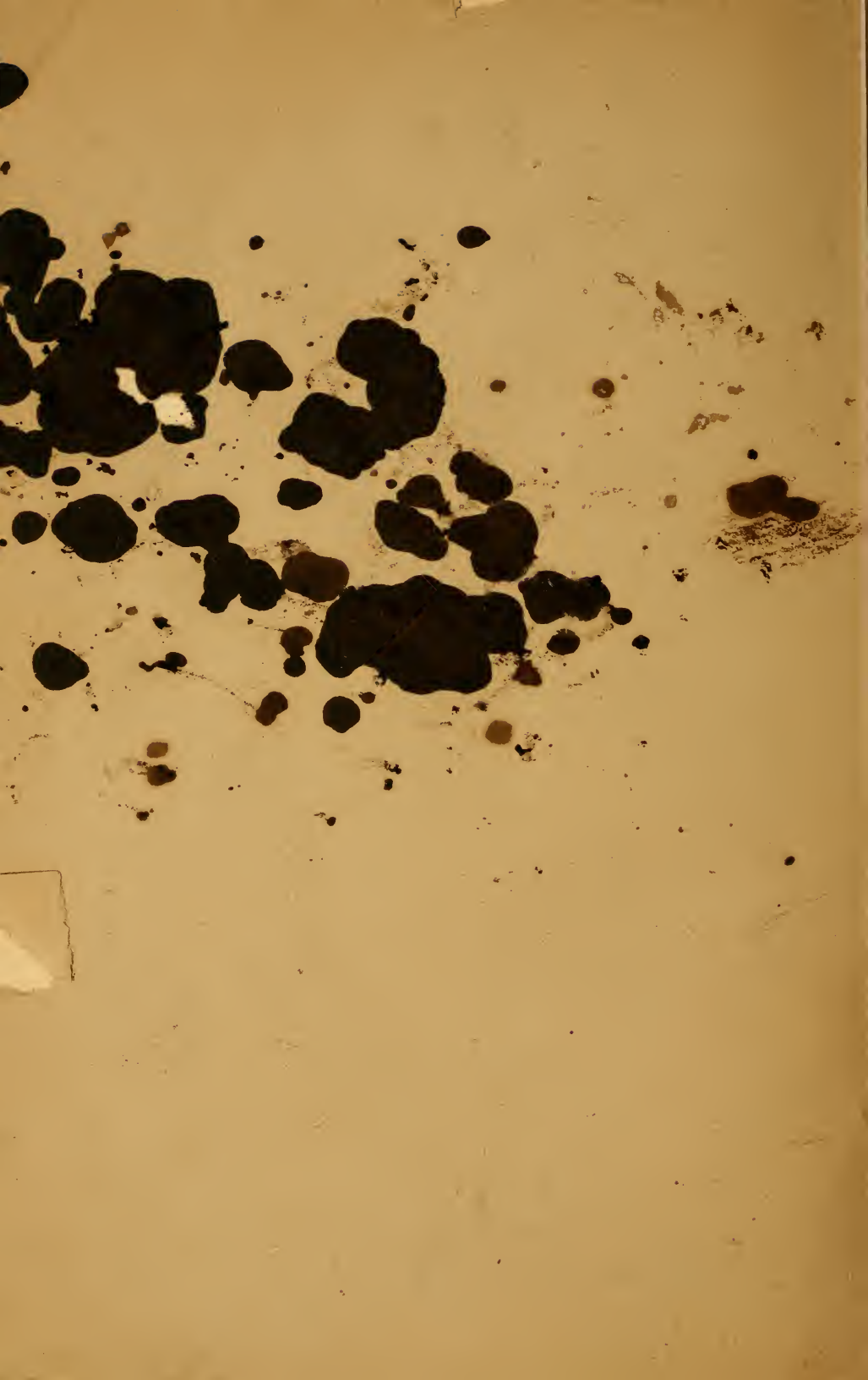
Jan. 9.	Sarah L. Tuttle, 79 years.	
Jan. 26.	Sarah E. Wiggin, 79 years;	Timothy G. Davis, Abigail Otis.
Sept. 8.	Fred Willis Comings, 30 years;	Albert L. Comings, Emma Dow.